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Hongkong, February 16, 1879.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, versus MAHMED CHOY KRETSVE, sued for and on behalf of all the Partners, comprising the Firm of NURSEY KERSHAW & CO.—Suit No. 3, Original Jurisdiction.

By ORDER of CHARLES F. A. SANGSTER, Esq., Sheriff, under direction from the Registrar of the Supreme Court, by virtue of an Execution in the Supreme Court in the above-named Suit.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 26th April, 1879, at 2 p.m., at the residence of Moses NURSEY—

KESSOWEE & CO.—

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Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap26

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Solicitors, Supreme Court House,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

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Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

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Hongkong, April 16, 1879. ap30

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CHINA MAIL Office.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, April 2, 1879.

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NOTICE.

THE Hon. C. MAY having been compelled by serious illness to leave for ENGLAND, the Undersigned, his Attorneys, will Pay and Receive all Accounts due by or to him.

LINSTEAD & CO.

Hongkong, April 24, 1879. ap27

NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned will in future be conducted under the Firm of SHARP and DANBY.

SHARP & CO.,

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WILLIAM DANBY, C. E.,

Architect and Surveyor.

No. 6, Queen's Road Central,

lately occupied by

Messrs E. D. SASOON & CO.

Hongkong, April 17, 1879. my17

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 漢字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),

CEASED from the 1st August, 1878.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1878, and has engaged the services of Mr LE

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GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

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No. 4.—Vols. VII.

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## CONTAINS

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Translations of Chinese School-books.  
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.  
Alchymy in China.  
Appendix to Wylie's "Coins of the Ta-ching Dynasty" "Hien Fung" Period.  
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:  
A Few Petty Additions to Dr Douglas' Dictionary.  
Trouts in China.  
Ancient Vases.  
Inheritance.  
Greeting the Spring.  
Adoption.  
The Term K'wei.  
Mongol and Yuen-pao.  
Leasedhold Usage.  
Chinese Coins.  
Coronation of the King of Loochoo.  
The Ouign Alphabet.  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.  
COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIC, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature here, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

H. M. BLANCHARD,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap28

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARTIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature here, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Ex "Yangtze."

B.L. to Mr. A. Marti, No. 1, 1 case Arms, from Marseilles.

Ex "Adriy."

Ident. Joubert, Hanoi, 2 cases Wax, from Saigon.

Ex "Feijo."

AME (in diamond) Nos. 3, Order, 1 case H.L.S. Cotton, from London.

S.P. Order, 22 bags Stones, from Madras.

Ex "Sindh."

M.F.C. 20 boxes Tobacco, from London.

K.J. (in diamond) (No. 105, Order, 1 case P.U.) Linen, from London.

Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt. James Wilshire, Gilman & Co.

ONIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma, Gibb, Livingston & Co.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jense, Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt. B. H. Cary, Adamson, Bell & Co.

EMPEROR CASTLE, British steamer, Capt. Kidder, Adamson, Bell & Co.

ARITA, British barque, Captain George Robb, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PARADISE, French barque, Captain T. Pasco, Carlowitz & Co.

ADRIATIC, American barque, Captain H. O. Winsor, Order.

VESTITUS, American barque, Captain F. W. Cal. Order.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship  
"YANGTZE,"

E. SCHUETZ, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TOMORROW, the 26th instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SEEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879. ap29

## To-day's Advertisements.

ROSE & Co.,  
81 & 88, QUEEN'S ROAD.

EG to inform their numerous Patrons that they have received Ex French and English Mails and other late Arrivals, their NEW GOODS for the Season.

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The New "ETONA" CLOTHES, YOSEMITES, MUSLINS, GALATEAS, &c., &c., for LADIES' Dresses.

Also, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS, in the New Styles.

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A Good Selection of English and French FLOWERS and FEATHERS. COSTUMES and Paris MILLINERY, SUNSHADES.

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COLLARS and SLEEVES, in the Newest Designs.

RIBBONS in all the New Shades, REVERSIBLES, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, CORSETS.

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GENTLEMEN'S WHITE SHIRTS, with and without Collars attached.

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TABLE CLOTHS, MUSLIN and LACE CURTAINS,

LACE CURTAINS by the Yard, 2 yards Wide.

ROSE & Co., 31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

## Shipping.

Noon.—Diamante leaves for Manila.  
Noon.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.  
5 p.m.—Yangtze leaves for Shanghai.

## Auction.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household and Office Furniture, &c., at Messrs. Nursey Ke-soujee & Co.

## General Memoranda.

MONDAY, April 23.—9 p.m.—Billards Performance at the Star Hotel.

TUESDAY, April 24.—Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

WEDNESDAY, April 25.—2 p.m.—Athol leaves for Singapore, &c.

2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, &c., at No. 24, Gage Street.

5 p.m.—Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club.

SATURDAY, May 3.—3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

TUESDAY, May 6.—Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Extraordinary Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

TUESDAY, May 20.—3 p.m.—Confirmatory Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

WEDNESDAY, May 28.—Dividend of 5% on Shares of Yangtze Insurance Association, payable at the office of Russell & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

April 25, Diamante, British steamer, 514, Thebaud, Manila April 22, General—Russell & Co.

April 25, Yangtze, British steamer, from Canton.

April 25, Zouave, American ship, 1202, L. G. Meaus, Nagasaki April 16, Coal—Carrara.

April 25, Volga, French steamer, 1000, Holland, Yokohama April 19, Mails and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## DEPARTURES.

Apt. 25, Thomas Fletcher, for Victoria (V. I.)

25, Yotung, for Swatow.

25, Hoi Chong Ching, Chinese R. C., for a cruise.

25, Mc-I, for Hohow, &c., &c.

25, Emerald, for Manila.

25, Antenor, for Shanghai.

## CLEARED.

Cassandra, for Saigon.

Yangtze, for Shanghai.

Rajahannanuwar, for Bangkok.

Diamante, for Manila.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Diamante, from Manila, General F. B. de Navarro, Messrs. H. C. Ledyard, R. Marti, D. Schadenburg, and 15 Chinese.

Per Volga, from Yokohama: for Hong Kong, Messrs. H. H. Nelson, Kempermann, J. J. Keswick, H. R. Smith, B. Marquie, A. Ross, 1 European servant, and 2 Chinese for Marseilles, Mr. MacMahon and servant.

## DEPARTED.

Per Yotung, for Swatow, 270 Chinese.

Per Mc-I, for Hohow, &c., 40 Chinese.

Per Emerald, for Manila, 275 Chinese.

Per Antenor, for Amoy, 115 Chinese; for Shanghai, 6 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Cassandra, for Saigon, 150 Chinese.

Per Yangtze, for Shanghai, 70 Chinese.

Per Rajahannanuwar, for Bangkok, 249 Chinese.

Per Diamante, for Manila, 1 European.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

None.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—

Per Yangtze, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst.

For MANILA.—

Per Diamante, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 26th inst.

Per Crusader, at 0.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 26th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—

Per Douglas, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 26th inst.

For FOOCHOW.—

Per Braemar Castle, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—

Per Athol, at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 26th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Killarney, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 26th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Peiho will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, with Mails to and

through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples to Saigon, Siam's Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet Oceanus will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 26th May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes; but Letters

(except for Non-Union Countries) will be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until the time of departure.</

on the bodies of two new-born infants, the children of the wife of Gunner Walling, Royal Artillery.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of Wong Ayat, a prisoner in Victoria Gaol. Decozen, who was undergoing a term of six months' hard labour for larceny, and had been admitted to the gaol on the 2nd December last, died on the 23rd instant from diarrhoea. The Jury (Messrs. S. Hughes, J. Juster, and A. A. E. da Silva) returned a verdict of "death from natural causes."

At the Summary Court to-day Mr. Francis had occasion to find fault with Mr. Stephens for not being punctual. Mr. Stephens apologized, stating that he had been with Mr. Sharp up to half-past ten o'clock, endeavouring to arrange terms for a reference; he was sorry to have kept the Court waiting. His Lordship expressed a hope that greater punctuality would be observed in future.

In the early part of the week, a Chinese prisoner met with a serious accident whilst engaged at some work on the verandah of the Superintendent's quarters. Falling into the yard opposite the entrance to the gaol, and striking his head on the stone steps, he received a severe cut on the forehead, which it was at first feared would prove fatal; but there are now hopes of his recovery.

By a slip in the report of the annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. John's Cathedral Church, Mr. Sharp is made to say that "he had this year been successful in obtaining a special grant from the Military Authorities. They had previously taken only three seats, but had now taken several more." This would be the Naval Authorities. The Military Authorities have for some years past contributed \$500 per annum for the use of the Cathedral.

We believe the question of so re-arranging the procedure of the Supreme Court, in Summary Jurisdiction, as to interfere less with mail day (now changed to Tuesday) is engaging the attention of the Chief Justice and the Puisane Judge. The convenience of the Bar will of course be their first consideration, and they will be consulted before any change is made. It will probably be agreed, we should think, that only undefended cases be taken up on mail day, special dates being fixed for the others.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of Wong Asin, a Chinese female, aged 37, who met her death by the falling of a quantity of earth at Hospital Road. The Jury comprised Messrs. J. J. Howard, J. C. Hughes, and H. Kier. The evidence shewed that the deceased had been employed to cut earth; her employer had obtained permission from the Surveyor General to cut earth at the back of the Tung Wah Hospital, but deceased and others had been cutting it at another place. The employer was absent from the Colony, and the enquiry was therefore adjourned till Tuesday next at 4 p.m.

TO-MORROW we shall reproduce an admirable sketch of the life of General Grant, published a short time ago in the *Bombay Gazette*, and dictated by the editor to have been written for the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, by one of the Secretaries of Legation at Paris, and not yet published. The figures in the article are, without exception, taken from the official returns now on file at Washington, and, we have very good reason to believe, the article is trustworthy to a degree. We commend it to the careful perusal of our readers, as being the best history extant of the brilliant career of that illustrious visitor who is to be amongst us in a few days.

This old adage, "the more haste the worse speed" was forcibly illustrated to-day. A house in course of construction in the Hollywood Road, near the Manmo Temple, fell with a crash. Fortunately no one was hurt. It is an interesting question to consider who would have been responsible had the consequences been serious to life and limb,—the builder, or the Survey Department? There can be no question, we presume, as to the cause of the accident; the flimsy nature of the structure leaves little room for doubt. And considering that not only may property be destroyed, and capital and labour grievously wasted, but many lives lost by such mishaps as these a strict surveillance should be kept over builders who incline to scamp their work, and a determined step taken to prevent all "jerry" buildings. It is not long since an accident of a similar nature occurred in the same neighbourhood, and, as in this case, we believe, it was owing entirely to the flimsy build of the structure. Faulty building may have been a contributory cause, but not the principal. That lies in the design. In view of the vast extent of the building operations going on here at present, there is even more temptation than usual to have the work hurriedly done,

and special and exacting vigilance on the part of the Inspectors of Buildings is emphatically called for.

A PARAGRAPH appeared five or six days ago in the *Chinese Mail*, under the heading of "News from Canton," which, being an entirely erroneous version of an incident of missionary effort in the town of U Lum (Namhoi District), ought to be at once corrected. It seems that the American Presbyterian Mission of Canton rented a chapel in the aforesaid village, and the building was opened under the charge of a native preacher named Mr. Kwang Aloy, who is described as "a faithful preacher of three years' standing." In connection with this chapel was opened one of these Dispensaries whose good influence is generally admitted, under the auspices of the Medical Missionary Society of Canton. The friendliness and extensive patronage of the people appear to have provoked the ire of the gentry; and the usual dodge of inciting a mob to smash up the establishment was resorted to. Placards of the most false and incendiary description were circulated, as the proper preliminary to more active operations; and on the morning of Sunday, the 6th instant, the attack was made by four-and-twenty armed men. The chapel and all its contents were destroyed—books, medicines, furniture, &c.; and to add insult to this extensive injury, the raiders finished off by smearing the rooms all over with filth. Fortunately the Mission assistants escaped; and the master is now in the hands of the authorities, who have promised full redress.

In view of these facts—which are furnished by the worthy Secretary of the Mission at Canton—it will be seen that the statements which appeared in the native paper were gross misrepresentations. It was said that "certain lawless fellows" deceived the good people of U Lum by "surreptitiously opening a chapel under the name of a free dispensary," in which all kinds of lewd and abominable practices were carried on. A personal filing is then indulged in at the expense of Mr. Kwang Aloy, and the usual call upon that gentleman to repeat is made. Those who know the Chinese gentry, and their influence over the people, will sufficiently understand this kind of foolish lawlessness. We doubt not that the *amende honorable* will be made in the native paper, when the real facts are known.

Mr. Herbert Roberts, the champion hand-stroke player of the world, son of John Roberts, for 21 years the champion, and younger brother of the present champion billiard-player of the world, has arrived. He comes here to arrange for a series of exhibitions of the most scientific and beautiful game that has ever been produced, one moreover extremely popular in Hongkong. He will be joined in a day or two by Mr. Fred Shorter, who is now in Singapore, with Mr. Stanley, as explained by a paragraph in our columns a few days ago. We believe the exhibitions will be held at the "Stag" Hotel, where arrangements have been made for accommodating something like a hundred and fifty spectators. The professionals will play for several nights, and, what is a decided and pleasing rarity, a change in the nature of the exhibition will be made each evening. To give an idea of the entertaining nature of the entertainment to be provided, if the phrase is allowable, we may mention that Mr. Roberts, while playing the hand-stroke, has made the following enormous breaks, viz.—1777, made at Driffield, Yorkshire, April 16, 1876, 1,596 made at Gulang, N. S. W., Australia, May, 1877; and several others over 1,000. Mr. Roberts also plays with the cue, his largest break being 221, 219, 204, 198, and will vary the evening's work by playing exhibition matches with Mr. Shorter. We have no doubt some amateur will be found willing to tackle one or other of the famous players, on getting a reasonable number of points, and show their confidence in their own powers by putting money on it. When an amateur is told he can get any start he likes, say 700 out of a thousand, hand *versus* cue, there is a temptation to go in and win. Mr. Shorter is the third best billiard player in the world, and is credited with the following performances—having made the largest number of consecutive spot strokes, viz.—207; having made the largest break in a match for money, viz.—633, while playing T. Taylor for £200, London, April 12th, 1877; and also during the Great Billiard Tournament, London, 1877, (which Mr. Shorter won) with having won the only "jew game" ever played, while playing Joseph Bennett (ex-Champion). The following are Mr. Shorter's largest breaks: 636, 68, 496, 479, 438. What undoubtedly is the specialty of the exhibitions these gentlemen will give is Mr. Herbert Roberts' fancy hand play. These are some of his favourite strokes:—snake cannon, round sixteen glasses and two decanters, cannon into one hat to five hats, steam engine cannon on wood-work, cannon on fifteen pyramid balls, cannon of five cushions showing effect of side, double-forcing canon showing effect of side, single force and

double-forcing six stroke, throwing and twisting balls in all the pockets, cannon through pyramid basket making basket turn somersault, throwing the balls and making them stop dead, and so on. Playing cue-cue, Mr. Shorter gives Mr. Roberts points 60 in 100 in billiards, and one ball at pyramids; in cue-cue, hand Mr. Shorter gets points 60 in 100 in billiards, and 40 in a game of 75 canons. These gentlemen deserve a welcome, coming as they do to relieve us in these dull and omni-producing times. We hope their venture will be a financial success to themselves.

THE New York *World* has a letter from Franklin Rhoda, of Brooklyn, California, on the anti-Chinese bill, in which he takes the ground that California has been represented as being unanimous, or substantially so, in favour of "perpetrating a base and cowardly wrong upon an unoffending people, and this merely because of their virtues, notably their industry, economy and frugality."

ANOTHER joke of the California papers aponent the veto,—at least we suppose it is a joke,—is this:—"The Chinese foot is v-toed." Another paper (*the Salt Lake Herald*) tells us:—"For the comments of the California Press upon the President's action in vetoing the Anti-Chinese immigration bill, take a Webster's Unabridged, select all the denunciatory words contained in the volume, thoroughly mix and mingle them, and hurl the collection at the head of Mr. Hayes." A contemporary adds:—"Throw in a few words that are not in the dictionary."

A CONCESSION has been made, in favour of Mr. Cyrus W. Field of New York, by King Kalakaua, for the laying of a cable from San Francisco to the Hawaiian Islands, and thence to Japan. This was stated by Mr. Field on March 10th, to over a thousand guests who assembled at his residence to celebrate the "silver wedding" of the inception of the Atlantic cable enterprise. Many distinguished people were present, and the reception is described as one of the most brilliant ever given in New York. Mr. Field said that there are now over seventy thousand miles of cable crossing seas and oceans, and that duplex telegraphing across the Atlantic is an accomplished fact.

Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, the special correspondent of the London *Standard*, has gone to Mandalay to see the true state of affairs there, so far as the same can be got at, and to "do" Upper Burmah generally. Mr. MacPherson was at the front with General Roberts' column, and because of his criticisms of that officer's movements was sent to the rear by the General, and one of the A. D. C.'s appointed to supply the *Standard* with a version of that gallant commander's share in the campaign which would give him all the glory he deserved, if not more, and be sparing in its blame. The incident caused a great outburst of indignation in the Indian Press, who consider the conduct of the General unworthy of one holding his position. The proprietors of the *Standard* show their confidence in Mr. MacPherson by selecting him for this work at Burmah. Mr. MacPherson was for many years connected with the *Bombay Gazette*, and was previously on the Edinburgh press. While playing the hand-stroke, has made the following enormous breaks, viz.—1777, made at Driffield, Yorkshire, April 16, 1876, 1,596 made at Gulang, N. S. W., Australia, May, 1877; and several others over 1,000. Mr. Roberts also plays with the cue, his largest break being 221, 219, 204, 198, and will vary the evening's work by playing exhibition matches with Mr. Shorter. We have no doubt some amateur will be found willing to tackle one or other of the famous players, on getting a reasonable number of points, and show their confidence in their own powers by putting money on it. When an amateur is told he can get any start he likes, say 700 out of a thousand, hand *versus* cue, there is a temptation to go in and win. Mr. Shorter is the third best billiard player in the world, and is credited with the following performances—having made the largest number of consecutive spot strokes, viz.—207; having made the largest break in a match for money, viz.—633, while playing T. Taylor for £200, London, April 12th, 1877; and also during the Great Billiard Tournament, London, 1877, (which Mr. Shorter won) with having won the only "jew game" ever played, while playing Joseph Bennett (ex-Champion). The following are Mr. Shorter's largest breaks: 636, 68, 496, 479, 438. What undoubtedly is the specialty of the exhibitions these gentlemen will give is Mr. Herbert Roberts' fancy hand play. These are some of his favourite strokes:—snake cannon, round sixteen glasses and two decanters, cannon into one hat to five hats, steam engine cannon on wood-work, cannon on fifteen pyramid balls, cannon of five cushions showing effect of side, double-forcing canon showing effect of side, single force and

persons would join in the excursion. Preparations for such an excursion would require much time, and the letter was written to secure reduced rates previous to any public announcement. It is stated that every State in the Union will be represented, and that the excursion will require from 100 to 125 trains of 10 cars each.

The New York *Tribune* of March 17th contains an account of the impending difficulty between the Panama Railroad Company and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, on account of the failure of the latter to make payments due to the Government under its contract. The recent statement of the Pacific Mail Company showed that its debt to the Panama Company was \$2,039,441.

Among the ships transferred to the Railroad Company by the Steamship Company, two years ago, to secure the indebtedness, was the *Georgia*, which was lost a few months ago, and which has not been replaced. The account states that the Pacific Mail Company, for some time past, has paid only \$60,000 a month in part payment, instead of \$70,000, as contracted, to the Panama Company, the \$20,000 being an accrued debt; that the February installment, due on the 1st of March, is unpaid; and that the Steamship Company is indebted to the Panama Company \$2,140,000. It is said the Panama Company is pressing the Steamship company for the money due, and also for the security made void by the loss of the *Georgia*.

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be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-  
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A. McLELLAN, Superintendent.  
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(N TUESDAY, the 29th April, 1879,  
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PEIHO, Commandant PASQUAHL, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

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Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.,  
on the 28th April, 1879. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
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For further particulars, apply at the  
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
agent.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap29

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on SATURDAY, May 3rd, 1879, at 3  
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Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai, with

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Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 2nd May. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-  
land, Mexican, Central and South American  
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's  
Office, addressed to the Collector of Cus-  
toms, San Francisco.

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or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 15, 1879. my3

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and South America by the Company's and  
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trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

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Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

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Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

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TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF WINTERTHUR.

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Agents for the above Company, have  
This Day taken over charge of the Hong  
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INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current

Rates to all parts of the World.

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\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
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Discount of 20% on the Premium.

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of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£1,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong for the above-named  
Company, are prepared to Grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
Reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in  
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World,  
in accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association. Two Thirds of the Profit,  
are distributed annually to Contributors  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9